



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Fire sprinklers in new public school campuses		
Code Section(s)	§904.2.4.4.1.1 , California Building Code (2001)		
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Does the term “new public school campus buildings” mean new buildings in an existing public school campus?

No. In Section 17074.50 of the Education Code, the term “new public school campus” refers to a new campus with newly constructed buildings funded by State school construction bonds. In this scenario, fire sprinklers and an automatic fire detection and alarm system are required.

New buildings in an existing campus fall under the “modernization” provisions of Section 17074.50. In this scenario, fire sprinklers are not required, but each building must be equipped with an automatic fire detection and alarm system that, upon activation of an initiating device, alert all occupants and transmit the alarm signal to an approved supervising station.